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FM/AM DIGITAL SYNTHESIZER TUNER

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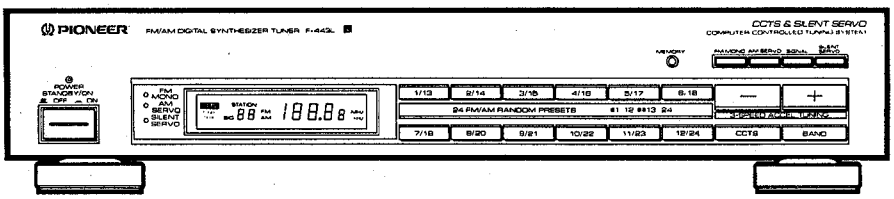

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RISK OF ELECTRIC SHOCK
DO NOT OPEN

CAUTION:
TO PREVENT THE RISK OF ELECTRIC SHOCK, DO NOT REMOVE COVER (OR BACK). NO USE-SERVICEABLE PARTS INSIDE. REFER SERVICING TO QUALIFIED SERVICE PERSONAL.

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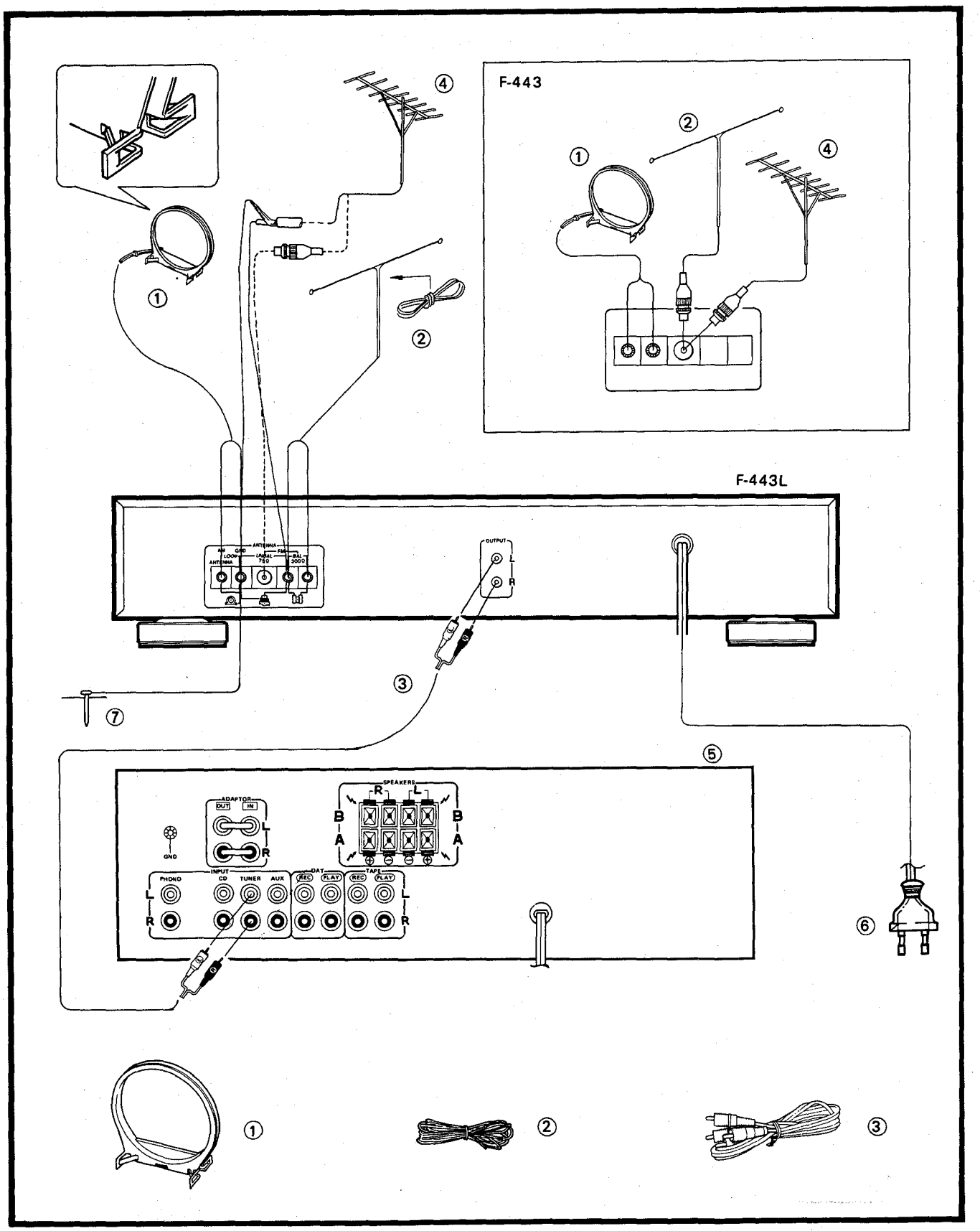
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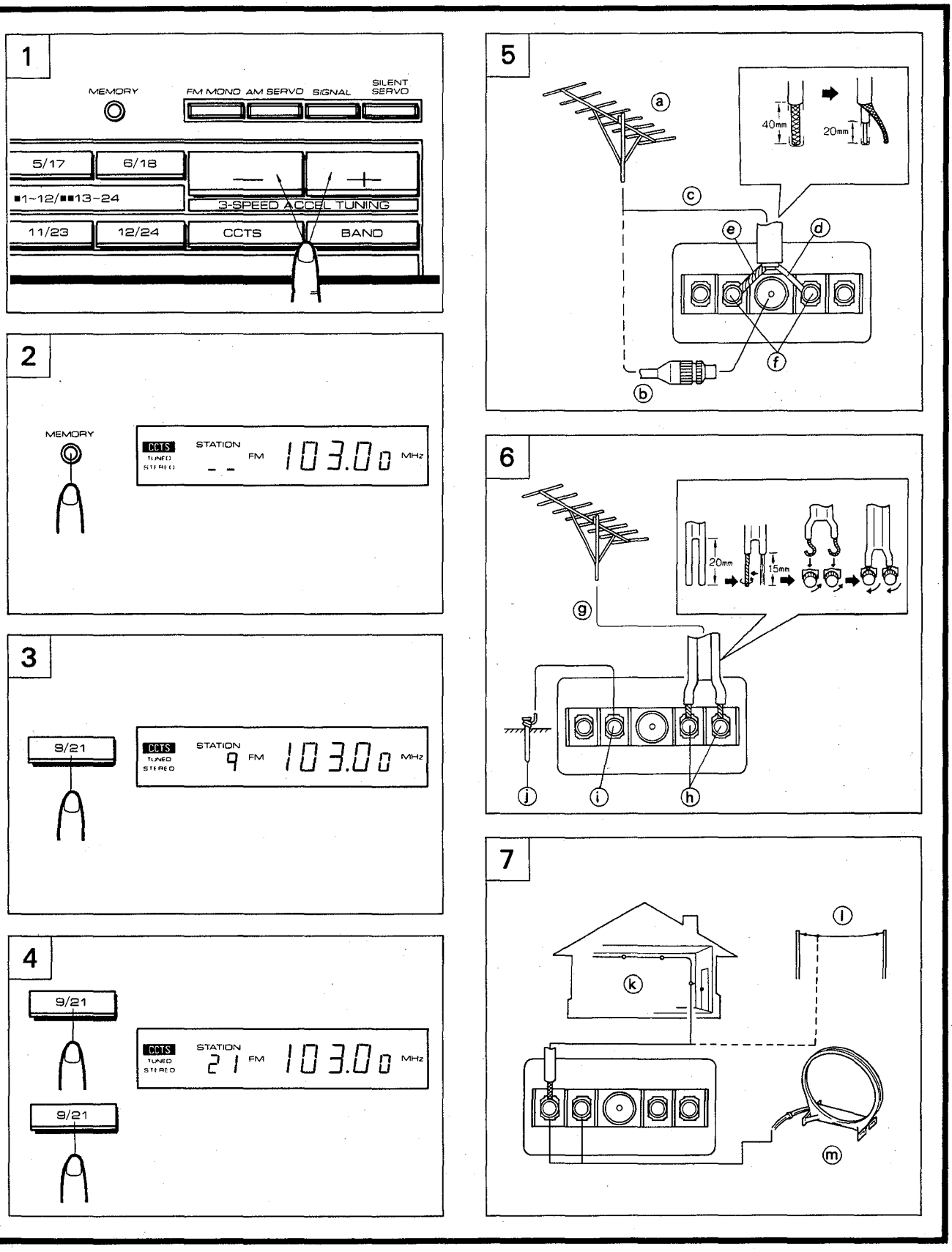
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3-SPEED ACCEL TUNING
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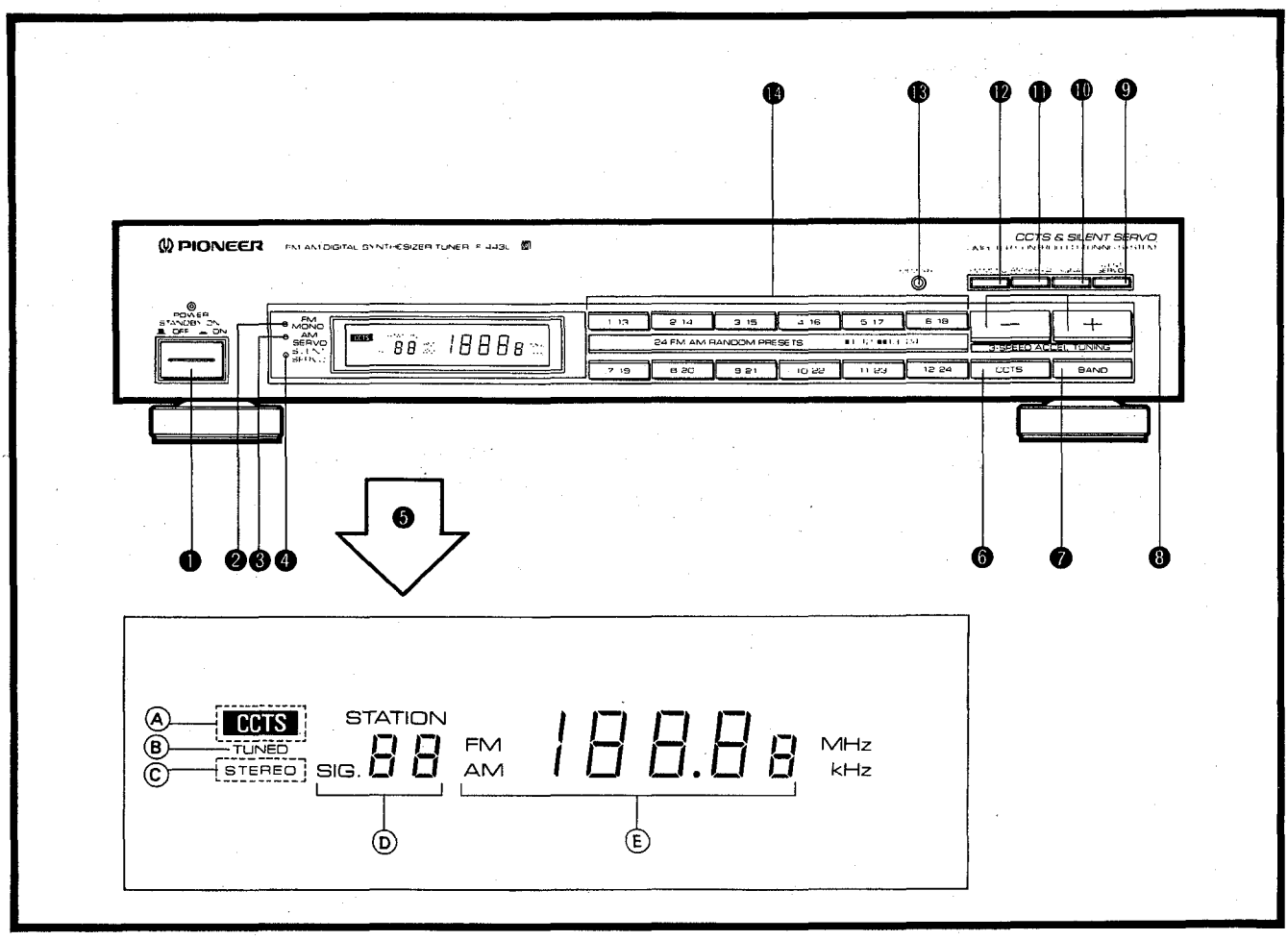
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CCTS & SILENT SERVO
24 FM AM RANDOM PRESETS
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TUNED
STEREO

Thank you for buying this Pioneer product.
Please read through these operating instructions so you will know how to operate your model properly. After you have finished reading the instructions, put them away in a safe place for future reference.
In some countries or regions, the shape of the power plug and power outlet may sometimes differ from that shown in the explanatory drawings. However, the method of connecting and operating the unit is the same.

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FEATURES

CCTS (Computer Controlled Tuning System) tuning for optimum sound quality

- Reduces tracking errors when you are receiving FM and AM broadcasts.
- Provides a digital indication of the electric field strength of the received broadcast.

24 FM/AM random preset

SILENT SERVO circuit

Since the clock frequency is not needed after tuning has been completed, this circuit cuts it out, thereby improving sound quality by avoiding the noise and intermodulation distortion that could be caused by spurious high frequency "beat" interference.

AM SERVO circuit

This dramatically reduces distortion by actively adjusting AGC (automatic gain control) response time during and after tuning.

CONNECTIONS (AND ACCESSORIES) (See page 2)

① Accessory AM Loop Antenna

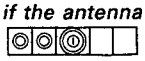
- Unfold all four legs of the AM loop antenna toward the outside, and insert the stopper inside the legs into the hole in the AM loop antenna to fix it in position.
- Set the antenna on a level surface, and point in the direction that gives optimum reception.
- Do not install the antenna in locations where it touches the cover of the unit or other metal objects, or near a CD player, personal computer, or television set.

1. Strip the end of the wires.
2. Wrap the end of the wire in a clockwise direction around the base of the terminals and tighten the terminals to secure.

② Accessory FM T-type antenna

- Use for FM reception until special-purpose FM antenna is installed.
- Stretch both ends taut and affix to a wall, etc.

NOTE:
Refer to the upper right part of the illustration on page 2 if the antenna terminals are of the type shown here:



③ Pin plug connecting cord

- Connect the white plug to the white terminal (L) and the red plug to the red terminal (R).
- Make sure that there is a proper connection.

The OUTPUT jacks of this unit are dull tin-plated, aiming at high audio quality.

④ Outdoor FM antenna

⑤ Stereo amplifier

⑥ Connecting the power cord
Plug the power cord into (SWITCHED) the auxiliary power outlet on the amplifier or into an AC wall socket.

⑦ Antenna ground
Although grounding is not always necessary for reception, it is recommended for protection against damage from lightning if an outdoor FM antenna is used. Grounding is recommended as well to help reduce noise and hum.

NOTE:
Never make the ground connection to a gas pipe as sparks could cause the gas to ignite.

FRONT PANEL FACILITIES (See page 4)

❶ POWER (STANDBY/ON) switch

When this switch is set to the on position, power is supplied to the tuner's main circuits. The POWER unit's switch is geared to selecting the transformer's secondary so that even in STANDBY position, the unit's circuitry will work as long as the power cord is connected to a power outlet. Disconnect the power cord from the power outlet when you do not plan to use the unit for a long period of time.

NOTE:
The memory will be backed up so long as the power cord is not unplugged.
If the power cord is unplugged, the memory will be retained for several days.

❷ FM MONO indicator (During FM reception)

This lights when the FM MONO switch is turned on.

❸ AM SERVO indicator (During AM reception)

This lights when the AM SERVO switch is turned on.

❹ SILENT SERVO indicator (During FM reception)

This lights when the SILENT SERVO switch is turned on.

❺ DISPLAY SECTION

Ⓐ CCTS indicator
This lights when the CCTS switch is turned on.
Ⓑ TUNED indicator
This lights to confirm fine tuning.
Ⓒ STEREO indicator (FM)
This lights to confirm reception of an FM stereo broadcast.
Ⓓ STATION/SIGNAL display
Shows preset station number (1-24). Shows signal strength (0-9) when the SIGNAL switch is pressed.
Ⓔ Frequency display

❻ CCTS switch (Computer controlled tuning system)

When this switch is set to ON (the CCTS indicator lights), the unit's built-in microcomputer automatically performs the optimum tuning for the station received.

❼ BAND switch

Each time this switch is pressed, FM, AM (MW or LW) reception is selected alternately.
FM and MHz light: FM reception.
AM and kHz light: AM (MW or LW) reception.

❽ TUNING switches (DOWN –, UP +)

These are used to locate stations. Push the "DOWN –" switch to locate a station broadcasting on a lower frequency and the "UP +" switch to locate a station broadcasting on a higher frequency.

❾ SILENT SERVO switch (Operates only during FM reception.)

When this switch is on (as confirmed by the SILENT SERVO indicator), the SILENT SERVO circuit operates after tuning has been completed, cutting out spurious high frequency clock signal harmonics in order to minimize intermodulation (beat) distortion, improve the signal-to-noise ratio, and elevate sound quality.

❿ SIGNAL switch

When this switch is pressed, the operation display will show a digital number "0" – "9". The size of the number corresponds to the strength of the reception signal, "9" representing the strongest, and "0" when there is no signal. In this way, this function can be used when installing an antenna to allow orientation of the antenna for optimum reception.

⓫ AM SERVO switch

When this switch is on (as confirmed by the AM SERVO indicator), the AM SERVO circuit operates to minimize distortion on the AM (MW or LW) band.

⓬ FM MONO switch

Normally, when receiving an FM stereo broadcast, leave this switch OFF. If the broadcast station is distant, or if you are in a poor reception area, the input signals will be weak, and during stereo reception, noise will be prominent, making the broadcast difficult to hear. In such a case, press ON this switch. The broadcast will be reproduced in monaural, however noise will be reduced, enabling the broadcast to be heard more clearly.

NOTE:
- *This switch does not function when you are listening to an AM (MW or LW) broadcast.*
- *The ON or OFF status of the FM MONO switch will be memorized when you preset a station in the STATION CALL switch. By using the PRESETTING FM AND AM (MW or LW) STATIONS function, you can receive an FM broadcast at any time in the same mode.*

⓭ MEMORY switch

This is used to memorize stations.

⓮ STATION CALL switches

These are used to preset and recall broadcasting stations.

LISTENING TO BROADCASTS

Listening to FM or AM (MW or LW) broadcasts.

1 **Press the POWER switch to ON.**

2 **Use the BAND switch to select either the FM or AM (MW or LW) reception band.**
- For FM broadcasts, the "FM" and "MHz" indicators will light.
- For AM (MW or LW) broadcasts, the "AM" and "kHz" indicators will light.

3 **Press the "DOWN –" or "UP +" the TUNING switch.**
[When the CCTS switch is ON:]
- When you press ON the CCTS switch, the internal computer will search for the best tuning point. During this search operation, no sound will be emitted.

When the AM SERVO switch is on (during AM reception): AM bass distortion is reduced and frequency response extended.
When the SILENT SERVO switch is on (during FM reception): Beat interference is prevented by cutting out the clock frequency after FM tuning.

NOTE:
Tuning takes slightly more time with the CCTS, AM SERVO, or SILENT SERVO functions on.

Auto tuning:

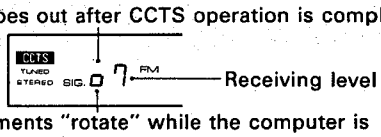
Press the tuning switch until the frequency starts to change, then release it.

The tuner will automatically search for a broadcasting station, and stop when one is found. To search for another station, press again.
- To interrupt auto tuning, press the TUNING switch.

CCTS function

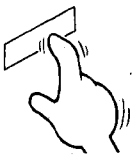
When a station is tuned in, the level indicator will indicate the receiving level for several seconds, then indicate the station number once again.

Goes out after CCTS operation is completed.



Segments "rotate" while the computer is searching for the best tuning point.

Manual tuning:



Press and release quickly

The tuning frequency will change by one step each time the switch is pressed. Press as many times as necessary to tune in the desired station.
- If the switch is held depressed, the reception frequency will change continuously, and stop when the switch is released.

4 **When you wish to receive a different station within the same band, repeat step 3. To receive a station on a different reception band, repeat steps 2 and 3.**

5 **Adjust the volume and tone of the stereo amplifier.**

NOTE:
- *When AUTO TUNING is in use, reception may not be possible over long distances or when signals are weak. At these times MANUAL TUNING is recommended.*
- *SILENT SERVO does not operate at the upper and lower limits (108MHz, 87.55MHz and 87.5MHz) of the receivable band.*

PRESETTING FM AND AM (MW or LW) STATIONS

(See page 3 Fig. 1 ~ Fig. 4)

You can preset 12 FM and AM (MW or LW) stations in Mode 1 (station call switch No. 1~12), and 12 stations in Mode 2 (station call switch No. 13~24), that is, a total of 24 stations. (See page 3)

1 **Press the POWER switch to ON.**

2 **Use the BAND switch to select either the FM or AM (MW or LW) reception band.**
- For FM broadcasts, the "FM" and "MHz" indicators will light.
- For AM (MW or LW) broadcasts, the "AM" and "kHz" indicators will light.

3 **Use the TUNING switch to tune in the desired station. (Fig. 1)**
- When presetting, if you think it takes too long to receive the signal, with the CCTS switch on, turn off the CCTS switch.

When memorizing an FM station, either press the FM MONO switch to forcibly memorize the station in the monaural mode, or memorize the station in the auto stereo mode (with FM MONO switch left in the OFF position).
Memory also stores the status of the AM SERVO and SILENT SERVO (FM) switches.

4 **Press the MEMORY switch. (Fig. 2)**
- The two lines at the bottom of the station display will flash (about 10 seconds.)

5 **Press the STATION CALL switch.**
- While the display is flashing, press the switch corresponding to the station which you wish to preset or re-preset.

When presetting a station to Mode 1 (e.g. presetting a station to No. 9):

By pressing the station call switch once, the station will be preset to Mode 1. (Fig. 3)

When presetting a station to Mode 2 (e.g. presetting a station to No. 21):

By pressing the station call switch twice, the station will be preset to Mode 2. (Fig. 4)
- After you press the STATION CALL switch, the display will flash for about 2 seconds, then the station will be memorized. If you press another switch while the display is flashing, the station will not be memorized.

Preset station tuning

1 **Turn on the power to the tuner and your stereo amplifier.**

2 **Press the STATION CALL switch into which the desired station has been memorized.**

- To listen to a Mode 1 broadcast, press the switch once, and to listen to a Mode 2 broadcast, press it twice.
- When a STATION CALL switch is pressed, the display first shows the preset number and frequency, then the signal strength and frequency, then the preset number and frequency again.

NOTE:
If, for example, you wish to receive the station memorized in STATION CALL switch "13" when listening to the station memorized in switch "9", press switch "1/13" twice.

In this way, simple and accurate reception of any desired station is possible.

NOTE:
- *The contents of the STATION CALL switches will be preserved for several days, even if the tuner's power cord is unplugged.*
- *If a preset station has been erased, re-preset it.*

Last station memory

- When the POWER switch is pressed to turn power on, the last station received before the power was previously turned off will be received again.
- When power is ON, if the BAND switch is pressed, the last station received before the BAND switch was previously pressed will be received again.

HINTS FOR BETTER RECEPTION (See page 3)

ⓐ FM outdoor antenna
ⓑ 75Ω coaxial cable with PAL connector
ⓒ 75Ω coaxial cable without PAL connector
ⓓ Core
ⓔ Shield
ⓕ 75Ω terminals
ⓖ 300Ω feeder
ⓗ 300Ω terminals
ⓘ Ground terminal
ⓙ Ground
ⓚ AM indoor antenna (polyvinyl insulated wire)
ⓛ Outdoor AM antenna
ⓜ AM loop antenna

EXTERNAL FM ANTENNA

The main advantage of FM over AM is the quality of the broadcast signal. In order to benefit fully from the high signal quality of FM broadcasts, it is recommended that a special-purpose FM antenna be installed. In weak signal areas, a multi-element (3 element, 5 element, 7 element) antenna should be used.

NOTE:
Consult your dealer as to the selection and actual installation of the FM antenna.

FM ANTENNA CONNECTIONS (Figs. 5, 6)

There are two ways of connecting the FM antenna to the antenna input terminals: with a 300-ohm twin-lead feeder or with a 75-ohm coaxial cable. If full justice is to be done to the tuner's performance, a 75-ohm coaxial cable is reommended since it is more immune than the twin-lead feeder to noise and interference from external sources. If an FM antenna has already been erected outdoors, connect it, referring to the figure.

GROUNDING (Fig. 6)

Grounding is recommended if reception of FM programs is impaired by noise. To ground, connect a thick polyvinyl wire to the GND terminal and attach the other end to a metal water pipe or grounding bar or wind it around a copper plate and bury it.

NOTE:
Never connect a wire to a gas pipe for grounding since sparks may ignite the gas.

EXTERNAL AM ANTENNAS (Fig. 7)

If it is not possible to obtain adequate AM reception even by changing the orientation fo the AM loop antenna, a separate indoor antenna, or an outdoor antenna should be installed.

INDOOR AM ANTENNA

Use a vinyl insulated wire (5-6m) and connect one end to the AM antenna terminal and affix the other end to the wall or ceiling, as high as possible.

OUTDOOR AM ANTENNA

If reception quality is not improved sufficiently even when an indoor antenna is used, a vinyl insulated wire should be installed outside and fixed in place.

NOTE:
Do not detach the AM loop antenna when using an indoor or an outdoor AM antenna.

TROUBLESHOOTING

Incorrect operations are often mistaken for trouble and malfunctions. If you think that there is something wrong with this component, check the points below. Sometimes the trouble may lie in another component. Investigate the other components and electrical appliances being used. If the trouble cannot be rectified even after exercising the checks listed below, ask your nearest PIONEER authorized service center or your dealer to carry out repair work.

Symptom	Cause	Remedy
No power	• Has the power cord been disconnected?	• Reconnect the power cord.
No sound	• Have any of the output cords been disconnected or incorrectly connected?	• Connect them properly to the TUNER terminals on the amplifier.
	• Has the antenna been disconnected or is the connection loose?	• Connect the antenna properly.
	• Station memory has been lost.	• Memorize the preset stations once again.
Sound distortion [On the FM band]	• Are the signals weak and reception poor?	• Substitute an FM outdoor antenna for the FM T-type antenna. • Set the FM MONO switch to ON (reception will be in monaural).
	• Static from other appliances (particularly automobiles) or multipath reflection (radio waves beamed off mountains and tall buildings and not received directly.)	• Try varying the height and direction of the antenna or use an FM outdoor antenna substituting a 75-ohm coaxial cable for the standard cable and fixing it as far away as possible from the street.
Sound distortion [On the MW or LW band]	• Is the AM loop antenna oriented poorly or located in an unsatisfactory position?	• Change the direction of the antenna until best reception is obtained as far as possible from tuner.
	• Static from other electrical appliances (fluorescent lights/motors?)	• Switch off other appliances or keep as far away as possible from the tuner when in use.
Stereo broadcasts not received in stereo.	• Are the signals weak, with insufficient input?	• Change to an outdoor FM antenna.
	• Is the FM MONO switch ON?	• Press the FM MONO switch OFF.

SPECIFICATIONS

[F-443·F-443L]

FM Tuner Section

Frequency range ..... 87.5 MHz to 108 MHz
Usable Sensitivity ..... 14.2 dBf, IHF (1.4μV/75Ω)
50 dB Quieting Sensitivity ..... Stereo; 36.2 dBf, IHF (17.7μV/75Ω)
Sensitivity (DIN) ..... Mono; 0.9μV/75Ω Stereo; 50μV/75Ω
Signal-to-Noise Ratio ..... Mono; 80 dB (at 80 dBf)
(SILENT SERVO ON) Stereo; 78 dB (at 80 dBf)
Signal-to-Noise Ratio (DIN) ..... Mono; 66 dB
(SILENT SERVO ON) Stereo; 60 dB
Distortion ..... 0.4% (1 kHz)
Alternate Channel Selectivity ..... 65 dB (400 kHz)
Stereo Separation ..... 45 dB (1 kHz)
Frequency Response ..... 30 Hz to 15 kHz±1 dB
Antenna Input ..... 300Ω balanced 75Ω unbalanced

MW Tuner Section

Frequency range ..... 531 kHz to 1,602 kHz
Sensitivity (IHF, Loop antenna) 300μV/m
Selectivity ..... 20 dB
Signal-to-Noise Ratio ..... 50 dB
Antenna ..... Loop Antenna

LW Tuner Section (F-443L only)

Frequency range ..... 153 kHz to 281 kHz
Sensitivity (IHF, loop antenna) 1,000μV/m
Antenna ..... Loop Antenna

Audio Section

Output
FM (100% MOD) ..... 650 mV/5.1 kΩ
AM (30% MOD) ..... 150 mV/5.1 kΩ

Miscellaneous

Power Requirements ..... a.c. 220 Volts ~ ,50/60 Hz
Power Consumption ..... 10 W
Dimensions ..... 420 (W)×85.5 (H)×318 (D) mm
Weight (without package) ..... 3.5 kg

Furnished Parts

FM T-type Antenna 1
AM Loop Antenna 1
Pin plug connecting cord 1
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NOTE:
Specifications and design subject to possible modification without notice due to improvements.